Inter-linking of major rivers of Bihar

†2416. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the basis of report by National Water Development Authority (NWDA) Government are considering a plan for floods control in Bihar, inter-linking of Kosi-Machi, Kosi-Ghagra and Gandak-Ganga rivers in view of availability of irrigation facility and water management;

(b) whether, with a view to controlling floods and providing irrigation facility, six proposals concerning inter-linking of major rivers of Bihar with rivers of other States are being considered by the National Water Development Authority; and

(c) if so, the details of its outcome alongwith Government's approach thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission (CWC) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas for optimum utilization of water resources. The NPP comprises two components, namely, Himalayan Rivers Development Component and Peninsular Rivers Development. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up under the MOWR in 1982 for carrying out various technical studies to establish the feasibility of the proposals of NPP. Under the Himalayan Component of the Plan, NWDA has identified six links namely; Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga (MSTG) link project, Kosi-Mechi link project, Kosi-Ghagara link project, Chunar-Sone Barrage link project, Sone Dam-Southern Tributaries of Ganga link project and Jogighopa-Tista-Farrakka link project (Alternate to MSTG) which envisage irrigation, power generation, domestic & industrial water supply benefits to the STate of Bihar. The proposals involve creation/integration of a number of reservoirs which *inter alia* provide incidental flood management benefits to Bihar. NWDA has taken up feasibility studies of these links for Indian portion. The implementation of NPP proposals are dependent on the cooperation

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

and consensus among the concerned States as also the neighbouring countries.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, papers to be laid...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: *

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record...(*Interruptions*)...

Outcome Budget (2007-08) of Ministry of Minority Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Sir, on behalf of Shri A.R. Antulay, I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Outcome Budget for the year 2007-08 of the Ministry of Minority Affairs...(*Interruptions*)... [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 5964/07]

I, Statement on Quarterly Review of the trends in receipt and expanditure in relation to the Budget 2006-07.

II. Outcome Budget (2007-08) of Ministry of Finance.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

I. Statement on Quarterly Review of the trends in receipts and expenditure in relation to the Budget during the third Quarter of the financial year 2006-07 under sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003.

II. Outcome Budget for the year 2007-08 of the Ministry of Finance...(*Interruptions*)... [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 6129/07]

Outcome Budget (2007-08) of Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): Sir, on behalf of Shri T.R. Baalu, I lay on

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*Not recorded.